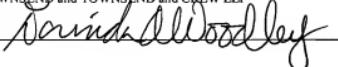


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**RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION/ELECTION  
REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication (Restriction/Election Requirement) mailed June 14, 2007, Applicants elect Group VIII (claims 1-4). Applicants election is made with traverse, believing that a complete search can be made without undue burden on the Office. More particularly, Applicants respectfully request that Group XVI be rejoined (placing compounds having an indole structure with those having a benzimidazole structure). Search and examination of these two groups would not be burdensome on the Office in view of the other core structural features and substituent limitations. Applicants submit that a sufficiently small core structure has been provided for compounds wherein  $X^2$ ,  $X^3$  and  $X^4$  are each  $CR^5$ , and  $X^1$  is  $N$  or  $CR^5$ , and further having a hydroxy (substituted) biphenyl moiety and an imidate substituent,

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such that there is no undue burden on the Office to conduct a search and examination of Groups VIII and XVI in combination.

Applicants further elect the compound of Table 1, identified as compound 123 (page 26). in response to the Examiner's request for an election of species.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for substantive review on their merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

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